

House Resolution 1346

By: Representatives Teper of the 61st, Watson of the 70th, Henson of the 65th, Jennings of the 63rd, Davis of the 60th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Thomas O. Black; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Thomas Black has tirelessly served the citizens and the Board of
3 Commissioners of DeKalb County as the Director of Public Works for the last eight years;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he has served as Public Works Director for DeKalb County for seven years; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a proud and devoted father and grandfather to two daughters, a
7 granddaughter, and grandson; and

8 WHEREAS, this Hot Springs, Arkansas, native and boyhood friend of former President Bill
9 Clinton, served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970 and with the Fifth Special
10 Forces in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969; and

11 WHEREAS, Thomas Black, a 1976 graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor
12 of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, began his auspicious career with DeKalb County in
13 1991 as the Land Development Manager in the Public Works Development Division and
14 later as the Assistant Director and Director of Public Works for DeKalb County; and

15 WHEREAS, his oversight and supervision of the numerous and wide reaching divisions of
16 the DeKalb County Public Works Department engineered higher quality communities within
17 DeKalb County; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Black's innovation and ingenuity facilitated the use of state, local and
19 private funds in the redevelopment of the Zonolite Road project, and his designs and
20 understanding of the storm drainage systems led to the creation of the scenic and meandering
21 Teper Creek; and

1 WHEREAS, his contributions have paved the way for quality development within DeKalb
2 County, and his future endeavors will ensure the continuation of his work for strategically
3 planned communities.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commends Thomas O. Black for his vision, dedication, and
6 ingenuity in the development of DeKalb County, Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Thomas O. Black.